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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 2547

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOE REQUEST FOR LOS CONSULTATIONS

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. GOE HAS REITERATED ITS REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION WITH US PRIOR TO NEW YORK LOS SESSION. IN VIEW OF EVIDENCE THAT THERE MAY BE SOFTNESS ON GOE ADHERENCE TO G-77 SEABEDS POSITION AND THAT IT MAY BECOME MORE AGGRESSIVE IN PUSHING REGIONAL AGREEMENT ON HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES, EMBASSY REPEATS RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSULTATION. END SUMMARY.

2. ACTING FONMIN JOSE AYALA LASSO INQUIRED OF CHARGE APRIL 17 WHETHER USG WOULD SEND MISSION HERE TO CONSULT ON LOS PRIOR TO MAY 23 CONFERENCE OPENING, AS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED SINCE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. AYALA THOUGHT CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT SUCH AN EXCHANGE WOULD BE "USEFUL." CHARGE PROMISED THAT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY DEFINITE WORD, BUT WOULD QUERY DEPT. AGAIN.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNS APRIL 19, AMB TEODORO BUSTAMANTE, SENIOR FONOFF COUNSELOR ON LOS/FISHING MATTERS, DISCUSSED CURRENT GOE ATTITUDE ON ART 53/REGIONAL FISHING

CONVENTION AND SEABED MINING. ALTHOUGH AWARE THAT US WAS COMMITTED TO SHORT VERSION ART 53, BUSTAMANTE INSISTED THAT ECUADOR WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ART 53 AS BASIS FOR REGIONAL FISHING CONVENTION TO BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS FEASIBLE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ECUADOR WAS MOVING SLOWLY TOWARD ADOPTING A MORE AGGRESSIVE STANCE ON REGIONAL FISHING IN VIEW OF SHIFTING CONCERNS OF DOMESTIC FISHING FLEET AND NECESSITY FOR CONSERVATION OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES.

4. BUSTAMANTE SAID HE HAD JUST REVIEWED REPORTS ON EVENSEN MEETING AND ADMITTED THAT WHILE ECUADOR HAS FELT CONSTRAINED UP UNTIL NOW TO GO ALONG WITH G-77 FORMULATION, THE ELEMENTS OF THE EVENSEN COMPROMISE SEEMED FAIR AND REASONABLE TO HIM. HE HINTED THAT ECUADOR'S SUPPORT FOR COMPROMISE MIGHT BE ENLISTED.

5. BUSTAMANTE THOUGHT CONSULTATIONS WITH US IN MAY ON THESE ISSUES WOULD BE "WORTHWHILE" IN VIEW OF ABOVE. HE SAID THAT GOE WAS ALSO FRANKLY INTERESTED IN WAYS IN WHICH IT COULD COOPERATE WITH US FOR SAKE OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AT LOS CONFERENCE AND ELSEWHERE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DESPITE BUSTAMANTE'S INTRIGUING ANALYSIS OF EVENSEN SESSION, WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE RATHER DIFFICULT, BUT NOT NECESSARILY IMPOSSIBLE, TO ENTICE ECUADOR TO BREAK WITH G-77 ON THIS POINT. AT SAME TIME, GOE'S PRESENT MOMENTUM TOWARD A MORE POSITIVE ROLE ON FUTURE REGIONAL FISHING CONVENTION AS WELL AS ITS CONFIDENTIAL

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WISH TO SEEK AREAS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION OUGHT TO BE ENCOURAGED AS MUCH AS WE CAN. WE BELIEVE, ON BALANCE, THAT CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO MAY 23 MIGHT PROVE USEFUL AT NEW YORK AND DEFINITELY HELPFUL FOR THE POST-CONFERENCE PERIOD. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY TO REFTEL DATED FEB. 3, 1977, WHICH ORIGINALLY REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS. CORR

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